

I Will Not Offer To God That Which... 2 Sam 24:2
Men in SS, Math Workmen, Played Softball every year
Let's say... short on players... calls me... Will take
what we can get... a very realistic illustration of
men in their allegiance toward God & the things of God.
I'll participate in this Christian life, as long as it
doesn't cost me anything, or as long as I don't have to
go out of my way. But if the kind of participation
you are looking for is going to limit my social life
diminish my pride, pinch my checkbook, cramp my style
... if it's going to cause me to miss my entertainment or a
denial of my pleasure, then I'm just not interested. Although
it sounds cheap, how my lives are lived by these rules of
conscience. But not David, when tempted with cheap sacrifices he
gives us his great line... The Bible is a timeless mirror. Peer deeply

I. The Plain Exposition

A. Note vs 1. You need to settle it in your mind now God
is not the author of sin. 1 Ch. 21:1 Satan provokes David. God
lifts the hedge, permits Satan to tempt David. notice

B. The Prideful Sin - David having a pride fit. How
strong is our nation? Soab to count people... "Why" vs 3+4a
vs 8 9 mos + 30 days vs 9#. There are you happy? No vs 10 David
heart smote. Saw his wretched pride. Ps 30:7 Some trust in chariots...

C. The Punishment Specified - Sin always has consequences.

Prophet God to David vs 13 David not liking any
throws himself on the mercy of God. God chose vs 15
pestilence. Some Death angel of Egypt mow on God's people 70K men

D. The Perpetrator Spared - vs 16 The angel of Death
is... with David in his tent

14 re. City learning with life. The ~~compassion~~ ^{vs 17} erupt "It is enough" Sword of death Sheathed
The Prescribed Sacrifice vs 18 David directed to
give a burnt altar at the very place where the angel stopped
David now is going up to this place of sacrifice
when he is met by the owner of the threshing floor vs 20
F. The Persuasive Substitute - Araunah so grate-
ful to see the King, he questions (vs 21) David Responds. The
big heart of Araunah erupts. "take it all, I'll give it
to you at no price (Went to God all servants as this) David No"

II. The Piercing Proposition

A. Rom 15:4: What are we to learn from this account?
What are we to glean out and apply to our lives from
David's statement "I'll not offer burn offerings
to the Lord my God of that which costs me nothing"
Here is the piercing Proposition: What is the
value we place on our personal relationship with
God. Just how important is it for us to honor God
and place him at preeminence in our lives. I'd like to
quote several commentators that more handily
convey what I'm trying to say. Trench "That which
costs me nothing is worth nothing." Bishop Hall "It is
a heartless pious of these base minded Christians who
care only to serve God good & cheap." Is this your
Christianity, that dime store brand Christianity
that is good and cheap? Gordon Kidley - "The Lord is not
to be offered the dregs of our lives. David's words encapsulate
a principle which applies to all worship and offering and
service to the Lord. The Lord is worthy of our first fruits. He is

Page 1 Note

1 Chron 21:1 and Satan stood up against Israel
and provoked David to number Israel.

Psalms 20:7 Some trust in chariots, and some
in horses: but we will remember the name of
the LORD our God.

Page 2 Note

Romans 15:4 For whatsoever things were
written aforetime were written for our learning...

John 14:15 *If ye love me, keep my commandments.*

John 14:21 *He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.*

John 14:23-24 *Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.*

1 John 5:3 *For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.*

worthy of the creme of our lives not the dreggs of our lives.
Not the left overs of our lives but the main course. This
principal envelops every saved born again child of
God here today. What would you have done if Ara-
nah approached you. Or maybe he already has...

III. The Perceived Explanation

A. This leads us to the question "Why?" Why
did David react this way. Can't he see it as a kind providence
of God? There would be great expenses because of deaths, families...

B. **Obedience to God** - vs 18-19 God, the messenger of
the word of the Lord comes to David w/ instruction to rear
an altar. vs 19 said it was the Lord's command. Not just the

incomings of a demanding Prophet God, but command of God! David
has a heart of obedience. In 14:15, 21, 23-24. This David that saw the

an ¹⁵ spare him + Jerusalem, was willing to do what ever was command ^{Baptism, giving, giving.}

C. **Conscience of God** - David passes on this generous
gift from Araunah, because he knows that God knows the
difference between cheap and easy sacrifice, and the
expensive God honoring sacrifice. This cheap sacrifice
would have gone completely undetected by these men by.

Araunah not offended, the altar erected, sacrifice prepared,
smoke rising up... Sacrifices before the eyes of men: cheap. But God sees ^{through}

D. **Outpouring of Gratefulness to God** - This is the
heart of the explanation... David seeing the angel of Death w/

sword drawn, outstretched over Jerusalem, then God relents.

His mercy breaks forth, "It is enough" Sword sheathed. David

brought to edge of certain destruction and then spared. David

responds with expensive sacrifices, because if Justice were to be
given, it would have meant His death. Save in Gospel ^{why mission}

II The Personal Application

A. To the believer the Bible is not just a book of historical facts to be digested but truth to be drawn out and applied to daily living. How does this account apply, ^{where is the shoe leather}

B. Principal of Giving - This is the foremost principal that can be seen. David's sacrifice was costly & expensive. Not the dregs and left overs but the first fruits.

Remember a sacrifice is a sacrifice because it costs something. The widow Jesus watched, gave only 2 mites yet ^{Purpose in our heart the best} it was an expensive sacrifice.

C. Public Worship - This whole scene here a ^{Site of future Temple} Aroumah's threshing floor is a worship scene. When David is confronted w/ opportunity to give the minimum due, he gives the maximum.

Singing: Sacrifice of Praise, deep breath or ho-hum mumble? Reception of Word: casual listen + grocery list or lean forward concentrate? Fellowship: Wash another's feet or Hey!

D. Private Devotion - But honestly the greatest sacrifices will not be made in this room, but in our own homes. We can all impress each other 3 times a week with cheap sacrifices, but the moments alone w/ God's word or in the darkened prayer closet, are the daily expensive sacrifices that please ^{God}.

E. Personal Evangelism - David could have just gone with the flow, no one would have known the difference, but even at the risk of offending Aroumah, David took a stand for God. Many of us have been silent too long. It's time to speak out to these crowds, to go to visit them, how cheap.

V. Clos. To day is the day of conscience. Not only does Burger King say "Have it your way." The church does as well. Early service, mid morning, afternoon, contemporary traditional Sunday night quickie Bible study. No mid week prayer service. No! I will not offer burnt... "So let a man's leave he gained to Christ at the foot of the cross, and he will hesitate at nothing."